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Sir:

Applicants submit this paper in response to an Office action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (the "USPTO") on March 17, 2008 ("Office Action"), for the above-identified patent application. Because Applicants submit a response within the one month period for reply, i.e., on or before April 17, 2008, Applicants believe no petition or fee for an extension of time is necessary. However, if incorrect or another fee is required, Applicants authorize the Director to charge any fees required for this submission to Deposit Account No. 50-1721.

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